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SUBJECT: IRISH GOVERNMENT DISSOLVES PARLIAMENT: ELECTIONS SET
FOR JUNE 16

1. AS EXPECTED, IRELAND'S PRIME MINISTER LIAM COSGRAVE

DISSOLVED PARLIAMENT LAST NIGHT (MAY 25) AND CALLED NATIONAL ELECTIONS FOR JUNE 16, 9 MONTHS EARLIER THAN ITS MAXIMUM FIVE-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE ENDING IN MARCH 1978. THE TIMING OF THE ELECTIONS IS FINELY TUNED TO A PUBLICLY PERCEIVED IMPROVEMENT IN THE ECONOMY, ALTHOUGH IRELAND IS CURRENTLY THE POOREST PERFORMER IN THE COMMON MARKET IN TERMS OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND INFLATION. A SENSIBLE "SOMETHING-FOR-EVERYONE" NATIONAL BUDGET HAS CONTRIBUTED TO A FEELING OF WELL-BEING.

2. FROM THE STANDPOINT OF USG INTERESTS, THERE IS VERY LITTLE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE PRESENT COALITION GOVERNMENT OF THE CONSERVATIVE FINE GAEL PARTY AND ITS LABOR PARTY PARTNER ON THE ONE HAND AND THE LARGER FIANNA FAIL OPPOSITION PARTY HEADED BY FORMER PRIME MINISTER JACK LYNCH (AND EARLIER BY THE LATE EAMON DE VALERA).

3. THE CURRENT BETTING IS THAT THE COALITION GOVERNMENT WILL WIN THE ELECTION BUT THE COMPLICATED ELECTORIAL SYSTEM AND THE FIRST-TIME VOTING OF 18-21 YEAR OLDS (20 PER CENT OF ELECTORATE) COULD PROVIDE AN UPSET. THERE WILL BE LITTLE CHANGE IN THE CURRENT GOI ATTITUDE TOWARD THE "PROBLEMS" IN NORTHERN IRELAND, WHICHEVER PARTY WINS, THOUGH FIANNA FAIL HAS PLEDGED TO WORK FOR A BRITISH ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWAL.
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